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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT

: Request for Authorization and Funding to Speak and to Consult with Latin American Specialists in Los Angeles

- 1. Dr. Edward Gonzalez, Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles has invited me to speak to several UCLA classes and student groups interested in Latin America. A copy of his letter to me is attached. Gonzalez, who is employed part-time at the RAND Corporation has also invited me several times in the past to consult with him and his colleagues interested in Latin America at RAND.
- 2. You recall that in February I requested approval to travel to St. Louis and Los Angeles to speak before student and faculty groups and to visit RAND. You approved that trip, although at the last minute it was necessary to postpone the Los Angeles leg. Gonzalez has recently reiterated his request and asked me to speak to his upper division class of 110 students on Cuba and Mexico. He has also asked me to speak to two other student groups.
- 3. I have explained in detail to Gonzalez the conditions under which it would be possible for me to appear: that my visit not distress UCLA students, faculty, or administration, that no recording of my speeches be made, that no media representatives be invited, and that my remarks be taken off the record, and be understood to represent only my views. Gonzalez, as his letter indicates, is in agreement.
- 4. Gonzalez is a leading academic expert on current Cuban and other Latin American affairs, and principal author of a study on Cuba commissioned by DOD. I have consulted frequently during the last year or so with him and his RAND colleague David Ronfeldt (a leading Mexicanist). Our exchanges of information and views

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have benefited all of us. If you approve this request, I hope to spend a considerable amount of time consulting with Gonzalez, Ronfeldt, and other Latin Americanists in the Los Angeles area.

5. If you approve the trip and authorize travel expenses and per diem, I would plan to leave for Los Angeles on November 6th or 7th in order to meet with Gonzalez' class on November 8th. Another couple of days to meet with the other student groups and to consult at RAND headquarters would also be worthwhile.

Chief/Central America and Caribbean Branch Office of Current Intelligence, CIA

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